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AMCONSUL PORT SAID SENDS.

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SUBJ: CONSUL OF NORWAY IMPERSONATED

1. NORWEGIAN CONSUL LEARNED TEN DAYS AGO THAT AN EGYPTIAN NATIONAL HAD BOARDED A BRITISH VESSEL TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL AND PRESENTED HIMSELF TO CAPTIAN AS NORWEGIAN CONSUL IN PORT SAID. IMPERSONATOR QUESTIONED CAPTIAN ABOUT BUSINESS DEALINGS INVOLVING OWNERS OF VESSEL AND CERTAIN NORWEGIAN FIRMS AND, WHEN CAPTIAN BALKED AT ANSWERING, ARRANGED APPOINTMENT FOLLOWING DAY IN CONSULATE.

2. WHEN CAPTIAN APPEARED AT NORWEIGIAN CONSULATE, MARX BROTHERS SCENE ENSUED AS CAPTIAN ASKED NORWEGIAN CONSUL IF HE KNEW WHERE NORWEIGIAN CONSUL MIGHT BE FOUND. AFTER IDENTITIES WERE CONFIRMED, CAPTIAN RELATED ABOVE STORY AND NORWEGIAN CONSUL NOTIFIED PORT SAID SECURITY POLICE.

3. INTENSIVE POLICE INVESTIGATION HAS THUS FAR PROVED FRUITLESS. SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO GUARD VESSEL AND CUSTOMS GATE AT PORT ARE NOW BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING, BUT OUTLOOK FOR SOLUTION SEEMS BLEAK. SIGNED SURBER.

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